to Congress After a Long Laspe of Years.

The return of General J. Warren Kiefer to Congress after an absence lot one of roses. He became on correspondents, and the bitter at nothing except a heap of talk. neks of Boynton had much to do with Klefer's retirement from public ife although he was but 48 when he A. Grow. They had been Speakers mended in the President's message,

Pass Bill.

NO INSURANCE LEGISLATION.

Congressmen Will Talk, But Won't

s O. e of the Three National ditions will talk much about it. There weeks. It is known that so anxious are any and one-third social, said an old Speakers Who Have Been Returned will be a great deal of discussion on the insurance people for some form of college man, who has since won disthe floors of both houses. Senators and Representatives alike will vie with each other in denunciation of the methods of the insurance magnates as exposed in the legislative investigation of 22 years is of more than passing which occurred in New York. Already nterest for the reason that he was divers and sundry lawmakers at book speaker of the House which was or- ends of the Capitol have submitted repanized in 1881. It was a famous marks that have stirred their constitnents to increased admiration of the longress and Klefer's pathway was elequence and alertness of the men invol- whom they have had the wisdom and Boynton, then dean of the Washings the end nothing will be done-that is,

No Constitutional Provision.

The reason of this is that the Judi-Bnished his fourth term in the House, clary Committees, both of the Senate Since then he has not been idle but and House, thus early have about conhas been prominent in civil and milli- cluded that the Constitution of the He returns to Congress as United States does not provide for the Nathaniel P. Banks and Galusha kind of legislation which is recom-



J. WARREN KIEFER AT 48 AND AT 70.

came back. General Klefer is now who, like Senator Dryden, are directly 68 but remarkably hale and hearty, interested in insurance and are pre-He was always a conspicuous man samed, therefore, to know better than and is the more so now because of his anybody else what the exigencies of Post, white hair and beard which were the situation demand. served four terms in Congress, com- this matter. But other members of the The mail is then removed and the box) his defense was splendid. He spoke in ing to Washington first for the special Senate who have practiced law for ession of 1877. He was chosen years declare that in this the New Jer-Speaker of the 47th Congress, Dec. sey statesman is in error. It is asoth, 1881, serving but the one term. sumed that, generally speaking, the Last year he was nominated for picked lawyers of both branches of Congress and had no very hard time Congress compose the Committee on a getting the honor. The district is Judiciary in each house, and it can be strongly republican and his majority positively stated that as the case now was the largest ever given any candi-

General Kiefer has a great war ecord. As a fighter and leader he ad few equals in the Union army. He was practicing law when the first larm of war was sounded in 1861 nd he at once volumteered as a privte. Before going to the front he was ommissioned major and was pronoted very rapidly, rearing in 1865 as evet major-general and as a brigaier in active service. At the battle the wilderness in 1864 he was verely wounded but would not give He stayed at it until Lee surendered. A born soldler he could ot resist the call to arms when the ar with Spain came on, and was ade a major-general of volunteers. Implied powers of the Constitution. e commanded a brigade under Sheran in the Virginia battles that led to Appomattox. At the battle of es of the enemy he found himself judiciary. iddenly surrounded by a large body confederates. They could not dis-nguish his Federal uniform in the House. At the opening of the session ried out in tones of command "Atten- investigate the matter thoroughly, bed, called her husband to her side. "Pation, men, right about face, march." Thinking it was one of their own fficers the confederates followed him nto the Union camp where to their lisgust they found themselves prison- Roosevelt. This resolution was re- Mary, solemnly, "I want ye sh'nd lave

ager for active participation in the gress adjourned for the holiday recouncils of the nation. As an ex- cess the Senate committee briefly conpeaker he has been given a chairman- sidered the proposition presented by thip and was also allowed the privilege Mr. Culberson, and referred his resoluof choosing his old seat without going tion to a sub-committee with instrucnto the lottery scramble. Speaker tions to report in extenso as soon as Dannon was in Congress during gen- practicable after the holiday recess. ral Klefer's term as Speaker and they were warm friends. General Messra. Clark, Spooner, Knox, Bacon, Kiefer represents one of the best and Cuiberson, are of openitivition there is no warrant in the Constitution Payne, also Ketche and New York, are about all who are now in the House who were with Kiefer in the stirring days of his speakership.

Very Trying.

A man who usually grumbled at everything and on every occasion, was attacked by rheumatism. He was carefully nursed by his wife, who was very devoted to him, in spite of his fault-finding disposition. Sometimes the sight of his suffering caused her to burst into tears as she sat at his

One day a friend of the invalid came in, and asked him sympathetically how he was getting on. "Badly, badly!" he exclaimed; "and

it's all my wife's fault."

Yes. The doctor told me that damp places were bad for me; and there my wife sits and cries just to make the air in the room moist."

The highest mountain in Africa is in Uganda. On this mountain there are one hundred square miles of snow and ice directly under the equator.

many years before and their return and is being advocated by Senator was notable. Each, like Keifer, lived Dryden, of New Jersey, president of for years without prominence in poli- one of the big life insurance companies, Hes but both were older when they as well as by other financial magnates

> stands the majority of the members of oth committees are opposed to the general proposition.

It is, of course, possible that a bill may be framed bringing the subject within the united powers of the Constitution, but none of the measures thus far presented meets the objections of most of the experts in Congress who have been consulted on the matter. There is a considerable element in the House insisting that the great Chief Justice Marshall blazed the way fo just such an emergency as this in his famous decision defining in effect interstate commerce as intercourse between States, to say nothing of the applicability to this case of another all-embracing decision of his concerning the

Not Satisfactory to Lawyers.

But broad as these doctrines are, illor's Creek, General Kiefer had an they obviously are not satisfactory to oing alone at dusk to observe the members of the two committees on the

As usual, the Senate has gone more ark and he was equal to the occas- Senator Culberson, of Texas, introduced Wheeling his horse about he a resolution calling upon Congress to with the view of determining the disputed point as to the authority of the lawmaking body to deal with the subject as recommended by President ferred to the Judiciary Committee. He returns to congress vigorous and Two or three days before Con-

The members of this sub-committee,

Meanwhile, a great deal of wire-pulling is going on in favor of the general proposition. It cannot be asserted that any one of the numerous bills thus far presented has the approval either Legislative experts at Washington do of President Roosevelt or Senator Drynot look for the passage of an insur-ance law during this session of Con-ure embodying their exact views will cress. Statesmen of all sorts and con- be submitted within the next few

not effect the judgment or the conduct take part in any of the debates. lot one of roses. He became H. V. foresight to send to Congress. But in of those members of Congress who have One of my intimate chums was the final decision of the question named Grant, who excelled in that through their influence with the Judici- line and although much younger than ary Committees.

States Insist on Rights.

A factor of no inconsiderable weight in the matter is the insistence of near- learn to debate, and frequently urged ly all the State governments upon their me to at least make a commencement, rights in the premises, and as Congress are ning that after I had gotten over does not seem to care to lend further my embarrassment, I would enjoy the aid at this juncture to the centraliza- fun and excitement. tion movement which is rapidly becom- The subject of debate one evening ing an acute issue in State politics, it was to be, "Was the influence of is regarded as altogether likely that the Aaron Burr, upon the time in which Federalization of insurance will at he lived, good or bad?" Grant knew least be held in abeyance for some that I was quite an admirer of Burr, time yet.

Acrial Mail Box.

In Delaware, Ohio, an ingentous citisen by the name of Taggari lives on a the oldest and best debaters and I high hill some little distance off the could answer the one who followed main read. The hill is of loose gravel him. He coached me very thoroughly, and at its feet is a small creek, inno- told me to listen carefully to what the cent looking and easily forded in opponents urged against Burr, to cite ordinary weather, but swelling rapidly my proofs, showing he was neither a with heavy rains. The rural carrier, whose route extended to Mr. Taggart's residence, found the frequent high watter and the rough, hilly road such a source of delay and inconvenience that the Department ordered the route during the Revolution. He said I changed and Mr. Taggart was directed must not allow myself to become flurto place his box on the main road. Mr. ried or excited, that I could occasion-Tuggart protested, declaring that he ally refer to my notes and in fact talk would not walk that distance. Then and act just as if I were simply arguhis inventive brain conceived the trol- ing with one or two of my schoolley or aerial mail box. At a convenient mates. corner of his porch he placed a wind- During the day I thought much of down to the box-post on the main road, coming drama, and there seemed to me around a deeply-grooved wheel on the no reason why I should not score a post, and back to the porch. As complete success. But as the hour of shown, the box is connected in this the meeting drew nearer the success cable, forming the link for the broken seemed to grow more problematical ends. wheels, which run on a fixed cable, thoughts were completely topsy-turvy stretched tight from the porch to the and I could hardly remember whether

When the mail carrier reaches the The man who opened the debate tawny brown in the days of his Senator Dryden, who studied law in box-post (which is visible from the showed plainly that my hero was evspeakership. He clings to the garb of Yale, but who has not practiced much porch), he puts in the mail and raises erything that was vile and wicked and the old time statesman and wears at in the courts, is of the opinion that a signal. Some one at the house takes should have been tried and convicted all times an old fashioned swallow there is nothing in the Constitution, the bandle of the windless and turns as a traitor, and I found myself wonalled coat cut much like the dress either expressed or implied, which Con. It rapidly, and the box, with its burden dering how Grant could possibly ancoats of to-day. General Kiefer gress should regard as an inhibition in of mail, comes sailing up the wire, swer all these terrible charges. But

CHARACTER OF AARON BURR Defender of His Fame Was Willing but Didn't Know Tricks of Oratory.

The first secret society with which

I was ever affiliated was called the "Omega," which was two-thirds literlegislation taking away from the tinction as a national orator and cam-States the supervision of insurance companies that they are prepared to paign speaker. In our rival society, spend unilmited money in the work of the "Alpha Rho," this order of things education, but thus far they have not was reversed and we prided ourselves been able to make much headway. | greatly on the fact that our "feast of Like all campaigns of edu. tion to reason" outranked the "flow of soul." which Washington has become accus- Ours was a good deal of a debating tensed, it is expected that the usual society, and though I early gained amount of speculation as to the out some reputation as a speaker, I was come will be indulged, but this will either too bashful er too ignorant to

the average member, never hesitated to cross swords with the older ones and was not infrequently the victor. He was very anxious that I should

had read quite extensively about him, both in history and fiction, and said to me that this would be an excellent opportunity for me to make my de-

Grant himself was to answer one of

lass, with a small steel cable extending the important part I was to play in the The box is fitted with top and by the time the debate opened, my Burr was an Italian or a Chinaman.



THE INGENIOUS MAIL BOX.

coasts back to its post. The distance | his usual flery manner and all my for of one hundred yards is covered in mer admiration for Burr returned and about ten seconds, which is as fast as | became eager to help defend him. a good sprinter can cover the distance. Multiplying gears in the windlass increase the speed. So far as is known. Mr. Taggart is the first to apply this idea to a rural mail-box.

Would Spoil His Pleasure.

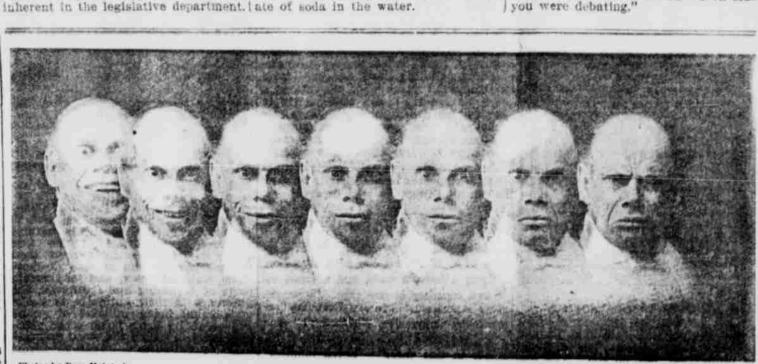
A certain Irishwoman, on her deathrick," she said, "I've a last rayquist to make of ye." "I couldn't rayfuse ye make of ye. anything, Mary, darlint," respond bushand, "Patrick," mother ride in the carriage beside ye to me funeril." "Tis too much ye're askin' of me, Mary!" cried Pat, springing to his feet in desperation. Mary, however, was determined on this point, and Pat finally yielded to her "last rayquist." "I'll lave her ride be me side," he promised, weeping bitterly, "but mark ye, Mary, dar-lint, 'twill shooil the day for me entoire-

fistricts in Ohi containing big man. there is no warrant in the Constitution The English authorities are so related and said, "Well, old for Congress to assert over insurance lentless toward the adulteration of a complete failure." Cound few of his old colleagues in the the power which the President, Senator food and drugs that recently a soda-House. Many are dead and many Dryden, and apparently all of the in- water manufacturer was fined for putmore long ago retired to private life, surance magnates appear to think is ting too small a proportion of carbon couldn't have made out on which side

The debater who I was to answer was a slow, earnest speaking fellow, not very bright, but accustomed to argument and fond of statistics, and even before he had finished I had again veered around and found I was losing my faith in my side of the question.

When my name was called, I rose as if in a dream, and for about, I presumed, ten minutes, talked the veriest lot of nonsense that was ever heard in a debating club. If I looked at my notes I found that I had said everything about the subject that I could think of, and if I tried to extemporize, I repeated the former things over and over. The ordeal was finally passed and as I took my seat there was a little perfunctory applause, and then the president promptly decided the case against Burr.

Grant was sitting quietly and looking straight ahead into vacancy and I noticed he had made no demonstration in my favor. Leaning toward him, I timidly touched him on the shoulder The English authorities are so re and said, "Well, old fellow, did I make "No," he anyou were debating."



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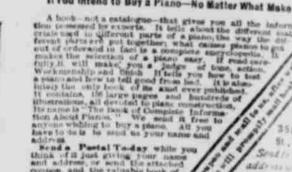
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